

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

E.N.M.,

Plaintiff,

v.

KRISTI NOEM, *et al.*,¹

Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-cv-00912-JHC

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND ORDER

Noted for Consideration:
July 18, 2025

For good cause, Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay these proceedings until December 4, 2025. Plaintiff brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to adjudicate her Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. Defendants’ response to the Complaint is currently due on July 22, 2025. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation.

¹ Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), Defendants substitute Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Director Kika Scott for Ur M. Jaddou.

1 Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706
2 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to
3 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for
4 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.
5 P. 1.

6 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
7 intervention. USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff’s asylum interview for August 6, 2025. USCIS
8 agrees to diligently work towards completing the adjudication within 120 days of the interview,
9 absent unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that would require additional time for
10 adjudication. If the adjudication is not completed within that time, USCIS will provide a status
11 report to the Court. Plaintiff will submit all supplemental documents and evidence, if any, to
12 USCIS seven to ten days prior to the interview date. Plaintiff recognizes that failure to submit
13 documents prior to the interview may require the interview to be rescheduled and the
14 adjudication delayed. If needed, Plaintiff will bring an interpreter to the interview, otherwise the
15 interview will need to be rescheduled and the adjudication delayed. Once the application is
16 adjudicated, Plaintiff will dismiss the case with each party to bear their own litigation costs and
17 attorneys’ fees. Accordingly, the parties request this abeyance to allow USCIS to conduct
18 Plaintiff’s asylum interview and then process her asylum application.

19 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold
20 the case in abeyance until December 4, 2025. The parties will submit a status update on or
21 before December 4, 2025.

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1 DATED this 18th day of July, 2025.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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10 *I certify that this memorandum contains 384*
11 *words, in compliance with the Local Civil*
12 *Rules.*

ORDER

The case is held in abeyance until December 4, 2025. The parties shall submit a status update on or before December 4, 2025. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 18th day of July, 2025.



JOHN H. CHUN
United States District Judge